

VICTIM/WITNESS SECTION

McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW – VICTIMS LEGAL RESOURCE PROGRAM

Program Description

The Victim's Legal Resource Center at the University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento operates the states toll-free 1-800-VICTIMS information and referral line, which is staffed by McGeorge law students. The center's telephone counselors provide legal information to California crime victims and assist them in finding appropriate resources. The center also publishes and distributes free informational brochures, researches relevant legal issues, monitors legislation, and participates in outreach activities designed to assist victims.

Eligibility

The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law is the only agency eligible to apply.

Authorized By

The California State Legislature by Statute

Fund Source and Amount

State General Fund - \$ 36,900

Grant Award Period

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

This is an ongoing non competitive application now in process

Additional Program Information

The Victim's Legal Resource Network is designated to: provide callers with information about victims' legal rights to compensation; provide victims with guidance in exercising these rights; providing callers with legal information regarding the legal rights of victims of crime; advise callers about any potential civil causes of action, provide callers with references to local legal aid and lawyer referral services; advise and assist callers in understanding and implementing their rights to participate in sentencing and parole eligibility hearings as provided by statute; advise callers about victims' rights in the criminal justice system, assist them in overcoming problems, including the return of property, and inform them of any procedure protecting witnesses; refer callers, as appropriate, to local victim/witness programs, rape crisis units, domestic violence shelters, and child sexual abuse centers; refer callers to local resources for information about appropriate public and private benefits and the means of obtaining aid; publicize the existence of the toll-free service through the print and electronic media, including public service announcements, brochures, press announcements, various other educational materials, and agreements for the provision of publicity, by private entities; research, compile, and maintain a library of legal information concerning crime victims and their rights; and produce promotional materials for distribution to law enforcement agencies, state and local agencies, print, radio, television media outlet, and the general public.

How Do I Get More Information?

This Program is administered by the Victim/Witness Section in the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Victim/Witness Branch of OES at (916) 327-5668.